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SUBJECT: REPLY TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING REPLY
FROM THE PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT LEONE:

2. "DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: YOUR KIND AND THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE
OF CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND
NINETY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR INDEPENDENCE AS A NATION
SYMBOLIZES THE CLOSE FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL RESPECT WHICH
HAVE LONG CHARACTERIZED RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLE.
SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD"

3. LEONE CONGRATULATORY LETTER IS AS FOLLOWS: "THE
CELEBRATION OF THE INDEPENDENCE DAY OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA, GIVES ME THE HAPPY OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS TO
YOU, ALSO ON BEHALF OF THE ITALIAN PEOPLE, MY WARMEST
WISHES FOR THE PROSPERITY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
IN THE SPIRIT OF THE DEEP TIES OF FRIENDSHIP AND ALLIANCE
EXISTING BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. THESE TIES WERE FULLY
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CONFIRMED ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR VERY WELCOME VISIT, OF

WHICH I HAVE THE MOST PLEASANT RECOLLECTION.

"I WISH TO EXPRESS TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, MY BEST WISHES

FOR YOUR PERSONAL WELL BEING AND FOR THE SUCCLSS OF YOUR
EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN PEACE, FREEDOM AND INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION. GIOVANNI LEONE"

4. US DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE TEXTS OF MESSAGES BUT HAS
NO OBJECTION TO GOI DOING SO. KISSINGER

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